

over 100,000 clients through 35 health centers in six States.

No one has been more courageous and unrelenting in the struggle to make sure that every pregnancy is planned, that every child is wanted, and that every woman is assured access to reproductive health care. Sylvia's life is a testament to the principle that government should not interfere in the health choices of women. She was dedicated to the proposition that all women should be given the support they need to make wise decisions about their families. Despite numerous attempts to chip away at reproductive rights and health care services in Colorado, Sylvia never faltered and labored tirelessly to ensure that family planning practices in our State remain both respectful and voluntary. For these efforts, Sylvia was honored by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice with the Alex Luken Faith and Freedom Award and the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Award.

We are grateful for Sylvia's leadership in sustaining an ethic of family planning in our State and Nation. She was a fervent defender of rights that have deep roots in our democracy and our tradition of civil liberties. I believe Sylvia's message to us would be that we must be ever vigilant and continue the fight for the kind of America which respects these rights.

Sylvia Clark lived a life of meaning and one that is rich in consequence. It is the character and deeds of Sylvia Clark, and all Americans like her, which distinguish us as a people. Truly, we are all diminished by the passing of this remarkable woman. Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Sylvia Clark, a distinguished citizen. It is the values, leadership, and commitment she exhibited during her life that serve to build a better future for all Americans.

MONTENEGRO'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform my colleagues of the steps Montenegro has undertaken to combat trafficking in persons. This progress was reported to me by Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister, Dragan Djurovic, the republic's anti-trafficking coordinator, Aleksandr Mostrokol, and Mirjana Vlahovic from the Montenegro Women's Lobby. All three were in Washington last month for a conference hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Montenegro is a republic of the former Yugoslavia, and the only one to remain in a state with Serbia. After some political changes took place in the late 1990s, Montenegrin authorities stood in opposition to Slobodan Milosevic's undemocratic rule at home and aggression towards Serbia's neighbors. Montenegro, however, has been plagued by official corruption and organized crime. Trafficking in persons, the human slavery of our day, has become a highly developed criminal activity in Montenegro, as in other places in the region.

Last year, Montenegro received considerable attention for a case in which a trafficking victim—a woman from Moldova who had been

raped, tortured and severely beaten for more than 3 years while enslaved in prostitution—escaped her captors, went to the authorities and provided testimony against several persons, including Deputy State Prosecutor Zoran Piperovic. What was a welcomed effort to prosecute traffickers even if they hold official positions, however, turned problematic as the victim was subjected to various forms of intimidation and her family in Moldova was threatened due to her cooperation in the investigation. When charges were suddenly dropped against Piperovic and three others, I issued a statement expressing outrage over this development. This set a dangerous precedent for going after traffickers with clout and connections elsewhere. Many likewise criticized the Montenegrin authorities for the failure to bring the case to trial.

To its credit, the Montenegrin Government responded to the widespread criticism. Mr. Djurovic invited a joint team of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe to examine the case and make recommendations. Flaws were found. As a result, both the accused Deputy State Prosecutor and the prosecutor responsible for dropping the charges were sacked and new prosecutors put into office. In addition, the Montenegrin Government adopted an anti-trafficking strategy and passed several new laws designed to combat trafficking as well as to prevent future manipulations of the legal system. Additional laws, including one on witness protection, are still being developed.

In my meeting, Mr. Speaker, I welcomed the progress which has taken place in Montenegro in recent months. I also encouraged my guests to ensure that the new laws are properly implemented, and that the police, in particular, be made part of the effort to combat trafficking rather than part of the problem. Finally, I urged them to seek the reopening of the high profile trafficking case. In my view, it is insufficient to learn lessons from a crime and a subsequently botched investigation or prosecution; the perpetrators still need to be brought to justice.

The meeting left me hopeful that progress is being made in Montenegro. I also hope, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues will join me in supporting U.S. programs designed to combat trafficking in persons in Montenegro, in southeastern Europe, and around the globe.

HONORING MR. CLIFF "C.J." GUFFEY

HON. BRAD CARSON

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, Cliff "C.J." Guffey is the Executive Vice President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO. Vice President Guffey was elected as the Executive Vice President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO in November 2002. Prior to his election to the American Postal Worker's Union's second highest elected office, he served as Assistant Director, Clerk Division from 1986 to 1999. Prior to serving as an officer at the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO headquarters he was President of the Oklahoma City Area Local from 1979 to 1986.

Vice President Guffey's job within the Postal Service was as an LSM Operator with brief tenure at a station.

Vice President Guffey also served with the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970 as a rifleman in the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division in Viet Nam.

Vice President Guffey was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma. His father was a career navy pilot with the United States Navy and he and the family were stationed around the world living in: Hawaii, Naples Italy, San Diego and Alabama, just to mention a few.

Cliff is married with children and numerous grandchildren. He and his wife Donna reside in Virginia. Cliff and Wife Donna, have two daughters; Carrie and Terrie. Daughter Carrie is married to Matt Benjamin. Daughter Terrie is married to Derek Kilgo.

NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate March 2, 2004 as National Sportsmanship Day.

National Sportsmanship Day is based on the belief that athletic competition will teach students, coaches, and parents valuable lessons that are useful on and off the athletic field. A study conducted by Michigan State University in the 1990s found that 14 million of the 20 million American children who participate in organized sports drop out by age 13, mostly because their parents' attitudes take the fun out of playing the games. Recent news stories of fights among and between officials and parents and the pressure parents place on their young children to "win at any cost" highlight the importance of sportsmanship.

National Sportsmanship Day serves as an opportunity for athletes and sports fans of all ages to recognize and discuss the need for ethics, fair play and sportsmanship. This year, more than 12,000 elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as colleges and universities in all 50 states and more than 125 countries, are participating in the fourteenth annual celebration of the personal ethics and hard work of athletes.

Each year, the Institute for International Sport, based in Rhode Island's Second District, recognizes individuals who exemplify ethics and sportsmanship in both their professional and personal endeavors by naming them as Sports Ethics Fellows on National Sportsmanship Day.

The 2004 Sports Ethics Fellows represent a range of athletes, coaches, and administrators as diverse as those who enjoy sports. Each one of the Fellows is a tribute to his or her game, and their skills are only surpassed by their desire to play fairly. Their strong character and great talent make them each a role model to current and future generations of athletes.

This year's list of fellows consists of the following athletes, coaches, and administrators:

Wayne Bryan—Tennis; Bill Buckner—Professional Baseball; Patti Dillon—Marathon Winner; Chris Drury—Professional Hockey; Jennie Finch—Softball; Karen Finocchio—Head Coach of the Brown University Men's